

**Amendments to the Claims:**

Please replace all prior versions and listings of claims with the following

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1. (Withdrawn) A composition comprising a plurality of yeast cells, wherein said plurality of yeast cells are characterized by their ability to decrease liver collagen level or formation of liver fibrous tissue or to normalize serum  $\gamma$ -globulin level in a subject, said ability resulting from their having been cultured in the presence of an alternating electric field having a frequency in the range of 7700-12800 MHz and a field strength in the range of 240-500 mV/cm, as compared to yeast cells not having been so cultured.
2. (Withdrawn) The composition of claim 1, wherein said frequency is in the range of 7800-8000, 12150-12300, or 12550-12800 MHz.
3. (Withdrawn) The composition of claim 1, wherein said field strength is in the range of 260-280, 270-290, 300-330, 310-340, 320-350, 330-370, 340-370, 350-380, 400-440, or 430-470 mV/cm.
4. (Withdrawn) The composition of claim 1, wherein said yeast cells are of the species selected from the group consisting of *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*, *Saccharomyces*

*carlsbergensis*, *Saccharomyces rouxii*, *Saccharomyces sake*, *Saccharomyces uvarum*,  
*Saccharomyces sp.*, *Schizosaccharomyces pombe*, and *Rhodotorula aurantiaca*.

5. (Withdrawn) The composition of claim 1, wherein said yeast cells are of the strain deposited at the China General Microbiological Culture Collection Center with an accession number selected from the group consisting of *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* Hansen AS2.562 and AS2.69, *Saccharomyces sp.* AS2.311, *Schizosaccharomyces pombe* Lindner AS2.994, *Saccharomyces sake* Yabe ACCC2045, *Saccharomyces uvarum* Beijer IFFI1044, *Saccharomyces rouxii* Boutroux AS2.180, *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* Hansen Var. ellipsoideus AS2.612, *Saccharomyces carlsbergensis* Hansen AS2.377, or *Rhodotorula rubra* (Demme) Lodder AS2.282.

6. (Withdrawn) The composition of claim 1, wherein said composition is in the form of a tablet, powder, or a health drink.

7. (Withdrawn) The composition of claim 1, wherein said composition is in the form of a health drink.

8. (Withdrawn) A method of treating liver cirrhosis in a subject, comprising administering the composition of claim 1 to the subject.

9. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 8 comprising oral administration.

10. (Currently amended) A method of preparing a yeast composition, comprising culturing a plurality of yeast cells of *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* Hansen AS2.562 in the presence of an alternating electric field having a frequency in the range of ~~7700-12800~~ 7800-8000 MHz and a field strength in the range of ~~240-500~~ 260-280 mV/cm for ~~a period of time sufficient to substantially increase the capability of said plurality of yeast cells to decrease liver collagen level or formation of liver fibrous tissue or to normalize serum  $\gamma$  globulin level~~ 11-17 hours.